

REMARKS

For the convenience of the Examiner set forth below is a recapitulation of the current status of the Claims in the present Application.

| CLAIM | STATUS | DEPENDENCY |
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| 1 | Canceled | — |
| 2 | Canceled | — |
| 3 | Canceled | — |
| 4 | Canceled | — |
| 5 | Canceled | — |
| 6 | Canceled | — |
| 7 | Currently amended | 17 |
| 8 | Original | 7 |
| 9 | Canceled | — |
| 10 | Canceled | — |
| 11 | Canceled | — |
| 12 | Currently amended | 17 |
| 13 | Canceled | — |
| 14 | Currently amended | 17 |
| 15 | Original | 14 |
| 16 | Original | 14 |
| 17 | New | Independent |
| 18 | New | 17 |

Comments of Examiner Elizabeth Anne SHAW have been reviewed carefully along with pertinent sections of the Patent Act, Patent Rules, the Manual of Patent Examining procedure, legal treatises and relevant decisional law. In accordance with Examiner SHAW's requirements, allowance of the Application, as amended, is solicited earnestly.

The Examiner has stated Claims 2-3, 6-8, 11, 12 and 14-16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly Claim 6 has been rewritten and the subject matter of Claim 6 is presented as new Claim 17. No new matter has been added. New Claim 17 is believed to be patentable.

Claim 7 has been amended to depend from new Claim 17 and is believed to be patentable in view of this dependency.

Claim 8 depends from Claim 7 and is original.

Claim 11 has been rewritten to include the limitations of intervening Claim 9 and is presented as new Claim 18 which depends from new Claim 17.

Claim 12 and 14 have been amended to depend from new Claim 17.

Claim 15 and 16 depend from Claim 14 and are original.

Claims 8, 11, 12, 14-16 are believed to be patentable.

The status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 1-5 have been canceled.

Claims 7, 12 and 14 are currently amended.

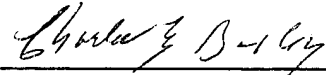
Claims 8, 15 and 16 are original.

Claims 17 and 18 are new.

In view of the foregoing amendments, submissions and explanations, it is believed that Claims 7, 8, 12, 14-18, as amended, are in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance on the Application will be appreciated.

Courtesy, cooperation and skill of Examiner Elizabeth Anne SHAW are appreciated and acknowledged.

Respectfully,



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